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FROM STUDY SUBJECTS TO MURAL MAKERS - Back when they were in kindergarten, many of these Elk Point Elementary School Grade 5 students were part of a study on early childhood development. Last week, they had a unique opportunity to volunteer as background painters for Elk Point's second mural, a project of the Elk Point Early Childhood Development Committee, whose members Mona McGinnis (back, far right) and Tammy Klatt (back, far left) watched the painting in progress, under the instruction of artist Herman Poulin (centre front), who will add the finishing touches. More photos, Page 5.

Young artists hone skills on new mural

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Nobody's asking if the Elk Point and district adults are smarter than these fifth graders, or even if their artistic skills are more developed.

Elk Point Elementary School's Grade Five students, who last week were honing their own artistic talent on a huge community project, have come a long way from being part of the kindergarten classes that were subjects of an Early Development Initiative (EDI) study by the University of Alberta on children's development. That study explored the areas of physical health and wellbeing, social competence, emotional maturity, language and thinking skills and community and general knowledge. When results of the study were released, Elk Point students ranked between 7.4 per cent and 11.1 per cent above the provincial average in all categories except language and thinking skills, where their 76.9 per cent average was 1.9 percent below that of the rest of the province. The criteria for that category was to determine 'if the child is interested in reading and writing, can count and recognize numbers and shapes.'

Their participation in the study resulted in the formation of the Elk Point Early Childhood Development Committee, a group that received a $25,000 seed grant to support and enhance early childhood development in the community. Some of the grant has been spent on workshops, such as 'Remembering to Play' in May, 2014, which reminded parents to have fun with their children, and the visit from children's entertainer Mary Lambert this past Family Day weekend, which had sessions for both preschoolers and the entire family.

The committee's biggest project to date, however, is the creation of a mural depicting the five areas of early childhood development that were part of the original study.

Various groups involved in early childhood development gave input to the design of the mural, which when completed, will be installed on the north wall of the former Elks Hall, which now houses two very important aspects of childhood development, the Play2Learn Daycare and Jack and Jill Playschool. The committee took designs those groups created to St. Paul artist Herman Poulin and commissioned him to turn the designs into a five-part mural.

Poulin was assisted by everyone from the seniors at Heritage Lodge, an adult group at Elk Point Further Education, another school group and the committee itself on the first four panels, with the honour of working on the fifth panel going to the class that was part of the original study. Those students got down to work right after school Wednesday and Thursday, carefully following Poulin's instructions as they transferred the designs on his full-size drawings onto the prepared painting board with carbon paper, masked off areas that would remain white, and took brushes in hand to paint backgrounds and details on the mural. They also had the opportunity to do some quick paintings of their own, under Poulin's expert guidance.

Poulin will add the final finishing touches to the panel before it joins the other four, in readiness for the project's unveiling ceremony on Saturday, June 4. Poulin says he will be on hand that day, too, with some hands-on artistic projects for everyone to enjoy creating.

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Chamber president seeking commercial zoning, seniors' and low cost housing requirements

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce president Jonny Nielsen didn't get the reaction he was looking for when he suggested that the Town of Elk Point and the chamber join forces to come up with a proposal to rezone the area west of Highway 41 and between the Iron Horse Trail and Highway 646 from urban reserve to highway commercial and commercial so that businesses wishing to locate in Elk Point would have the ability to do so.

Nielsen said that having a plan in place for the area regarding street, lot and utility locations and knowing the potential cost of developing them would pave the way for potential development.

Mayor Parrish Tung was at the meeting and said that as that parcel is privately owned, applying for rezoning and hiring an engineer to prepare a design would be up to the owner, rather than the town. "The town does not put up money for this. We cannot use taxpayers' money to promote private business," he stated.

The president was not happy to hear this, and said he felt that the lack of available highway commercial property could deter businesses from moving to town.

Nielsen is also concerned about the need for housing for seniors and low income families, and asked for suggestions on determining how large that need actually is and what type of housing is actually required, for example, condos, townhouses or single family homes.

One of the members pointed out that a location easily accessible to services and near the healthcare centre would be best for seniors. Regarding the amount of need, she suggested that a consultant would be able to determine that, and that perhaps the chamber should request that the town and county consider taking that step. Investors or pre-sales would be needed to finance such a project.

No progress has yet been made on the sale of the wind turbine, and the members decided to advertise it for sale by tender in a province-wide classified ad, with the closing date of June 30, with the chamber executive empowered to open the tenders at that time.

Proceeds from the sale of the turbine will go toward paying down the chamber's debt on the EcoCentre.

Also going toward repayment of the debt will be the proceeds from the first-ever open golf tournament hosted by the chamber, which is slated for Saturday, July 2. Vice president Dwayne Yaremkevich, who is in charge of planning the tournament, said the planning is going well and interest in the tournament is strong. Scheduled for the day after Canada Day, it will be a great addition to the long weekend lineup.

No more reminders - onus put on drivers to renew

STAFF WRITERS

In a bid to save an estimated $3 million a year, the Government of Alberta will no longer be sending out reminders in the mail when driver's licenses, identification cards, and vehicle registrations are due for renewal.

Electronic reminders will instead be sent out, which will be a free system online that requires Albertans to sign up for the service. Mailing out government reminders is a "dated practice and an unnecessary expense to Albertans," says a media release from the government.

"During these though economic times, it's particularly important for government to find smart ways to save taxpayers' money. Moving from printed to electronic notices will save Alberta taxpayers more than $3 million a year while providing more modern and convenient reminder options for drivers," says Danielle Larivee, acting minister of Service Alberta.

The majority of Albertans no longer receive reminders, as of April 1 of this year, but seniors over the age of 70 will get one more year, with those reminders being phased out by April 1, 2017.

Reaction to the decision has been mixed.

"I think it's a great idea, as long as it saves as much as they predict. Though I feel maybe they should still mail to seniors 65 plus rather than just 70 plus," says Jessica Jurak, via the *St. Paul Journal's* Facebook page.

Some wondered what would happen if people didn't register, while others felt it should already be clear when documents are up for renewal, since dates are written right on the document themselves.

Other locals felt that it should be optional if Albertans want to receive reminders through email or other technology.

"It would be nice to get incentives to go e-whatever, then it would encourage people to do it on their terms," said Hannah Cote.

Albertans with disabilities will continue to receive their reminders in the mail, says the provincial media release.

According to information from the province, setting up an online reminder is free and easy.

There are three ways for Albertans to be reminded when it is time to renew. The first is to visit a local registry agent and sign up for an email reminder; the second is to sign up online through E-registry (vehicle registration and driver's licence), Alberta Motor Association (vehicle registration), or MyAlberta; the third is to check your licence place or vehicle registration and mark the date on your calendar, says the release.

Drivers can also renew their vehicle registrations without visiting an office by doing so online. Visit e-registry.ca to do so. The website also allows for drivers licences to be renewed, and people can even pay some traffic fines through e-registry.

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THE END OF A SUCCESSFUL GYMKHANA SEASON was celebrated at the C. G. Baker Arena on Sunday, as the year-end winners and winners from Sunday's final go-round gathered to show off their winnings. Front row, left to right are Trey Nowosad, Karson Hebert and Dylan Ganzer, second row, left to right: Kevin Drobot, Shyann Brawn, Hailey Bird, Braxton Brawn, Kennedy Hebert, Alexa Gaugler, Darby Swedgan and Macey Drobot, back row, left to right: Terra Lee Drobot, David Hebert, Colleen Swedgan.

Elk Point's Winter Gymkhana Series winds up with awards presentation

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The fifth and final session of the Winter Gymkhana Series at Elk Point's C. G. Baker Arena went Sunday, with riders of all ages enjoying one last round of competition and adding more points toward the final tally.

Jackie Hebert, who announced the day money and year-end winners after everyone enjoyed a hearty supper, said the season had been very successful, with "new faces at every jackpot."

Events at the monthly sessions range from barrel racing to pole bending, stake races and breakaway roping, with a few fun events thrown in to add to the enjoyment and excitement.

The top four riders in each of three age groups, and who had participated in at least three of the five gymkhanas, qualified for the year-end awards, with handsome custom-built saddle stands going to the first place recipients, cinches to the second prize winners, western-design ottomans the thirds and hay nets to those who finished fourth for the season.

In the Peewee category, Trey Nowosad and his horse Chester placed first, Kennedy Hebert and Sam placed second, Karson Hebert and Gizmo third and Braxton Brawn and Lenny fourth.

Shyann Brawn and Harley took top honours in the Youth category, with Hailey Bird and Socks placing second, Macey Drobot and Wheels third and Darby Swedgan and Raz fourth.

Jamie Kuzma and Okie were the first prize winners in the Open category, followed up by David Hebert and Billy in second place, Dylan Ganzer and Carlos in third and Malcolm Nowosad and Harley in fourth.

A draw for a $100 UFA gift card went to Kevin Drobot.

The successful season was helped along by KC and Lisa Dunlop, Kevin and Terra Lee Drobot and family, Broken Arrow Ranch, Cold Country Angus, Dylan and Megan Ganzer, Joey and Carla Gaugler and family, David and Jackie Hebert and family, St. Paul Seed Cleaning Plant, RSB Country Acres, Bar Over Bar, Nana's Catering and Colin and Mary Balan and family, many of whom volunteered time and labour as well as contributing toward prizes for the monthly gymkhanas and the finals, where over $700 in added prize money was available for the winning riders

AN IMPRESSIVE LINEUP of prizes awaited the winners.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child is five years old, or will be five years old by February 28, 2017, they are eligible to attend Kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year.

Please stop by the Elk Point Elementary School office for a registration form and/or attend the pre-registration meeting hosted by Mrs. Wood on Thurs., April 21, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Kindergarten classroom.

All new registration must present a **birth certificate** and an **Alberta Health Care Card** number to the school office before school commencement in September 2016.

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Editorial

Volunteer Week

From the Agricultural Society to the Volunteer Firefighters, Elk Point has an entire alphabet of volunteers, who do everything from arrange and carry out activities to cleaning out cattle pens and rushing to the aid of those involved in a vehicle crash.

They work for and with all ages from preschoolers to seniors, and do their best to ensure that our community continues to be "The Right Place to Be."

Some of these organizations date back to the early days of settlement, others have only been formed recently, but all are valuable to our community.

It's Volunteer Week - thank a volunteer today!

Recreation Corner

Travel bonds, builds community

JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Director

Traveling has the ability to bond people for life, believes Elk Point Community Travel Club member, Melanie Poulin. The travel club is designed to help community members experience the world, while getting to know their neighbours and giving back to the community.

"There's some jobs people just don't want to do, but they have to do, for their volunteerism or sports commitments, " Melanie explains, "so they can hire someone from the Travel Club." For example everyone has been saddled with the dreaded arena booth shift at one time or another. Instead of working that shift and missing watching your kid play, you can contact the Travel Club, throw some money their way and they will handle the shift. The Travel Club also does fundraising, like selling gardening flowers in early spring.

The money raised through working odd jobs and fundraising is put into a specific account for the Travel Club Member. Each member has their own subaccount and the money the individual raises is placed into their individual account for that person to take a trip. "They don't get the money in their hands to spend it, it goes in an account and they have to travel with it; that's all there is to it."

There is one other stipulation, at least ten community members must go on the same trip for someone to draw from his/her account, explains Melanie. "People traveling together build community. When they build that community and they build that bond,; that connection of where they're from (Elk Point) and the different experiences they've had being from the same place is amazing." People who wouldn't otherwise talk to each other, even though they are from the same town, forge a relationship from traveling together. "They are aware from the beginning that ten people from the community must go on that trip and vote to go on that trip, then they can travel with that money."

"It's forever, there's no deadline, as long as it takes for you to save for that Ireland trip, then that's what you do." Melanie says there's 42 members of the Travel Club, so there is always someone available to pick up booth shifts, babysitting, gardening or yard work, painting or other odd jobs in and around Elk Point. "I want to get people thinking in a travel, see the world. If they get on, even one trip, and their eyes get open to travel, that information that they come back with is huge!"

The Travel Club will be selling potting plants in May, for information on plants, the Elk Point Community Travel Club or to join the Travel Club contact Melanie at 780-724-0007.

Way Back When...

Banner missing, cost cutting, freshened facades

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of April 12 in...

1986

Question of the week at the chamber of commerce meeting was "Where's our banner?" because the large, colorful and fringe-trimmed parade banner had not been seen since last Canada Day. Elk Point's first-ever trip to minor hockey provincials saw the peewees scoring five third-period goals to defeat Coronation in the semi-finals, but losing to Mayerthorpe in the final, bringing home the silver medals.

1991

Ian Kozicky was the first-ever recipient of the Alex Kurash Memorial Trophy, which would be presented annually to the peewee player exhibiting the most improved skills, positive attitude, coachability and eagerness to learn. RCMP Sgt. Barry Kutryk visited town council to acquaint them with the RCMP's objectives for the year, which included a move toward community policing, discussing with community leaders to determine what they perceived as problems and then taking proactive steps to reduce crime.

1996

School staff reductions of up to 12 per cent were looming in Elk Point Regional School Division, with secretary-treasurer Jean Champagne confirming that "there is going to be cost cutting" although he could not confirm a rumored budget shortfall of up to $850,000 in the instructional block alone. Teen Aaron Young, who attended the 'I Want to Be a Millionaire' program sponsored by St. Paul and Smoky Lake Business and Community Development Corporation, was a special guest at the chamber of commerce meeting and spoke on his odd jobs business, 'Helping Hands.'

2001

The zone champion Elk Point Midget Thunder's coach Shane St. Arnault was named Elk Point Minor Hockey's Coach of the Year, while peewee player Nicholas Myshaniuk was presented with the Alex Kurash Memorial award. A discussion by town council resulted in plans to offer downtown businesses a grant toward paint and labour to freshen up their facades, Mayor Ed Buck told the chamber of commerce.

2006

Elk Point Girl Gudes, Brownies and Sparks were out in full force, touring the town on their annual Cookie Sale campaign.

Architect Paul Porcina gave the chamber of commerce members their first look at plans for a modern version of the train station, with rental offices, a two-storey foyer and a 1,000 square foot upstairs boardroom. Elk Point Elementary School parents unveiled plans for a Doc Walker concert to wrap up Canada Day celebrations and raise money for the new school playground at the same time.

2011

Electronic borrowing was a new trend at area libraries, with Elk Point Municipal Library hosting a workshop to help those new to e-readers and downloading material to them. The first draft of the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan received mixed reviews from opposition parties, industry and environmental groups, with consultations scheduled for five communities, including Elk Point.

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ARTISTS AT WORK - tracing, trimming and painting on the mural, with time out for an individual project (left).

VOLUNTEER PAINTERS Joanne McBroom and Donna Chamberland worked on one of the earlier panels last November at Elk Point Further Education, under the watchful eye of Herman Poulin. Photo by V.L. Flanders

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SIX ELKS LODGES FROM DISTRICT SIX gathered in Elk Point on Saturday for the annual District Meeting, presided over by District Deputy Lawrence Pidluzny (front, fourth from right) and with Alberta Elks liaison Darren Scott (third from right) as a special guest speaker.

Elk Point Elks No. 460 host district meeting

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

BPO Elks Lodge members from Hairy Hill, Lac La Biche, Myrnam, St. Paul and Vegreville traveled to Elk Point on Saturday for the annual District Six Meeting hosted by the Elk Point Elks Lodge. A special guest for the meeting was Alberta Elks Association Esquire, Darren Scott, who is also the association's liaison for the district.

Elk Point Exalted Ruler Don Pilisko welcomed the visitors and handed over the gavel to District Deputy Lawrence Pidluzny, who conducted the meeting.

The heads of each lodge introduced their members in attendance, with 10 members of the host lodge joined by five from Myrnam, four each from Hairy Hill and St. Paul and three each from Lac La Biche and Vegreville. The leaders were also asked to list the names of members who have passed away since the 2015 district meeting, with their memory honoured by a minute of silence and the Elks' traditional Hour of Eleven ceremony.

Lodge leaders were proud to report on their groups' statistics and community service in the past year,

Elk Point Elks No. 460 initiated two new members this past year, with one former member leaving the group for a net increase of one. Activities included having two teams in the local curling league, hosting a fish fry and an English-style quiz night, the Grey Cup party and raffle, a Christmas party and a spring barbecue. The Elks Wilderness Park campground at Kehewin Lake was upgraded. Three members attended the provincial convention and five attended the national convention. An average of 14 members attend the monthly meetings. The lodge disbursed a total of $11,436 in donations.

Hairy Hill Elks No. 304 has 34 members, including three newcomers, with between 10 and 20 members at each meeting. The members hold two bingos a year and a raffle, and are willing workers at pancake breakfasts at functions in the area. Their members enjoy an annual picnic. This year the lodge was instrumental in development of the new Two Hills playground, which was completed with the help of a $5,000 grant from the Alberta Elks Foundation. The lodge's donations totaled $11,000.

Lac La Biche Elks No. 470, which has four potential new members, were able to far exceed the generosity of the other lodges in the district when they received the donation of leftover funding from the community's Dock Preservation Committee. This allowed the lodge to donate $150,000 to the Heritage Centre for a bus and $40,000 to the Kids Are Worth It fund, as well as purchasing seven recliners for the seniors' lodge.

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Volunteers are Elk Point's greatest treasure...

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Reflections on Rexall and a minor ball MVP

Today's story is dedicated to the memory of Mike Boratynek, who tragically lost his life this weekend. He was one of the little squirt Elk Point minor hockey players to take the faceoff at the official opening of the A.G. Ross Arena in 1974. He played all his minor hockey here and also played many years on defense with the Elks Senior team. I remember watching him and how he never gave anyone a free passes to the net. If you did manage to get past him you paid the price the next time. He told me many times over the last few years how much he enjoyed reading my sports page and how he was hoping I would write about his daughter one day too. You know I will for sure; Mike, this one is for you!

doug **BASSETT**
Review Sports

More than a hockey star

Last week we promised to give you some more history on Mark the 'Marksman' Letestu as a Sox ball player. Whenever I think of the 'Marksman' I think of baseball. I remember him playing hockey here and he was special for sure, but not a whole lot different than a lot of kids I see play. I would write about him just like the kids today, but I never did coach him in hockey. But I did coach him in baseball with the Sox. The first time he came to play on our midget team and sat on the bench all day down in Wainwright in the hot sun during a provincial weekend and played maybe one inning per game in right field. He was still bantam age at that time. The first pop fly hit to him he missed, it went sailing over his head. His first time at the plate, he struck out. But the next year he never went to summer hockey, he was back at the ball diamond playing for the Sox. As the next three years went by, he played more and usually as short stop and then pitching, but still never had a problem if I asked him to go to right field or sit on the bench. Then in his final year he became our number one ace pitcher, but he also played shortstop. In 2003, we were hosting provincials at home and although we had hosted five times before, up until that year we had never made it to a semifinal game; but this time we had made it to the final game. It started out badly; we were down by a score of 9 to 0 in the first inning. The 'Marksman' had already pitched the complete semifinal game to get us to the final. We had to use three pitchers in the first inning of the final game just to get three outs. I was happy just getting to the final and a medal of any kind would have been fine. The 'Marksman' sat down beside me in the dugout, put his arm around me and asked if I would let him pitch again. "I can do this," he said.

I'm thinking to myself, why not, it's his final year of minor ball and I may as well let him finish his career on the hill. When he went out to the mound in the second inning, assistant coach Rick Bilak asked me, "What just happened?" and I said, "Mark is pitching."

Rick smiled and said "Oh, OK." He felt the same way as I did, just happy to be there. Neither one of us would ever dream that the 'Marksman' could shut them down, but he did. The Sox bats starting hitting the ball and we picked up a few runs every inning, and at the end of it all, we won our very first provincial gold medal, the final score was 13 to 12. Lots of other great players contributed that weekend too, but after that day I never ever doubted he would make it someday if he put his mind to it. After that day I knew he was special, but I only wish he could have gone on and played ball in college and made it to Major League instead of playing hockey. Then I could walk around town and brag that I was part of the reason why! The 'Markman' still loves playing ball in his spare time and he really enjoys watching the Blue Jays. He follows the team closely and always wants to talk all about spring training and who looks good. One day he plans on going to Florida too, but not for a few years yet. He needs to bring the Stanley Cup home first. But I guess all the Canadian teams are going golfing this year, not just my Leafs!!!

The Jays got off to a good start on April 3, winning their season opener in Tampa. Marcus Stroman looked very strong on the mound. I got his autograph a few years ago. Good thing I did, it won't be as easy to get one now. I did get a whole bunch of the minor league pitchers and fielders this year and who knows who may be an ace one day....

Rexall memories

Wasn't that awesome the other night when they closed the Rexall Place? Bringing back all the old guys brought back so many memories for everyone. I think they should re-sign some of them! Like everyone, I also have many memories of Oiler games there and I wanted share two of my favorites with you. I always get ticket to go to the Oilers vs. Leafs games. I only missed once in the past 20 years.

MIDGET PROVINCIALS 2003 MVP Mark Letestu

In fact, recently I found a ticket stub from 1998. That exact same seat in section 108 in 1998 that was only $ 37.50 then was $ 225.00 this past February when the Leafs played. My daughter Jena was a Leaf fan right up until this year when the Oilers signed Connor McDavid. She switched to the Oilers, but still has to cheer on the Leafs for her daddy-o as her second team. One time when Jena was a teenager I took her and three of her friends to the Leafs game. The deal was that they would all dress up in Leafs sweaters. I said OK of course, and of course the Leafs lost that night, as was the case more than once. On the way home after the game I was stopped by the police on the Kubasa Trail for speeding. I got the usually question: "Where are you going... and can I see you license, registration and insurance, please" but when the policeman looked into the back seat and saw all the girls in their Leafs sweaters he asked "Who won the game?"

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Check out more Sox nostalgia on Page 9!

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Elk Point and St. Paul churches set to host African children's choir later this month

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

The Elk Point Baptist Church and the Bethel Family Worship Centre in St. Paul are both playing host to unique visits from the Watoto Children's Choir this month, with a show taking place in Elk Point on April 19, and one happening in St. Paul on April 22.

The Watoto Children's Choir will be performing the production called Oh What Love! The choir has been travelling and performing in communities across Canada since January.

Both local events will begin at 7 p.m.

Since 1994, the Watoto Children's Choir has been travelling all over the world, sharing the plight of Africa's orphaned and vulnerable, according to a media release from the Watoto Church.

"The production is indicative of emerging, modern Africa - a continent coming out of ruin and exploring its true identity. Africa is coming of age and so are her people. Her children and young adults are the key to the future," says the media release.

Each of the children in the choir has suffered the loss of one or both of their parents, but they now live in a Watoto village, which is made up of homes for children and mothers, and are constructed in the form of small, vibrant communities.

Each village has a nursery school, a kindergarten, primary school, high school, water project, medical clinic, and a multi-purpose hall to use as a church and community centre. There is safe, open outdoor space with lots of room to live and play, according to the Watoto Church media release.

There are three Watoto chidlren's villages – one in northern Uganda and two in Kampala, Uganda, looking after almost 3,000 children.

The Watoto Child Care Ministries was founded by the Watoto Chruch in 1994. It is described as a holistic care program that was initiated as a response to the overwhelming number of orphaned and vulnerable children and women in Uganda.

The choir has also been travelling since 1994, and advocates for the 18 million African children currently orphaned by AIDS. "Concerts of Hope" are held in churches, community halls, schools and other venues.

Watoto aims to raise children who become future leaders that can bring sustainable chance to their nation.

Submitted photo

WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR is travelling across Canada and will perform at Elk Point Baptist Church next Tuesday.

Volunteer Week thanks to all of Elk Point's dedicated volunteers!

NEW MURAL ON THE WAY - The library will soon have another colourful mural right next door, when the artwork these Grade 5 students were working on last week is completed and mounted on the nort side of Play2Learn daycare centre.

Elks Lodge

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Myrnam Elks No. 350 works bingos in St. Paul, hosts a pyrohy supper and a Mother's Day brunch, but lack of snow prevented them from carrying out a planned snowmobile rally. They purchased new playground equipment and upgraded their hall, as well as making $10, 550 in donations. The lodge has 32 members and two life members.

St. Paul Elks No.465 initiated four new members this year and one transferred out, leaving 29 members. Their fundraising events include working bingos and holding their annual radio auction and a Boys and Girls Club raffle, while activities include hosting a New Year's party and spring and fall barbecues, in addition to renovating the upstairs portion of their hall. Their lodge has switched from the traditional leadership of Exalted Ruler and knights to having a president and vice-president, which they feel has helped to swell their membership. Their very successful year included dispersing $36,499 in donations.

Vegreville Elks No. 143 has added five new members this year and lost three, for a current membership of 34, and made $52,211 in donations, with revenue coming from a cash raffle, Nevada sales and working a casino.

District Deputy Pidluzny said he got a late start on his term in office, which began when he was convinced to fill the empty position during the 2015 provincial convention. He found the year to be "quite enjoyable," with one of the highlights his attendance at an Aspiring Community Leaders session in Calgary. He visited all the lodges in District Six, and attended a mid-term meeting of the Alberta Elks.

"We are the ones that make the lodge work," he told the members. Sharing responsibilities is key "if we don't want to have people leave the lodge because there is nothing to do." He also urged them, "Don't be miserly with compliments, and don't find fault with those who don't get things done." He suggested that the lodges support community needs, rather than wants, and not to forget the children. "We've got to have a vision," he concluded. "What are we going to look like in 2020?"

Pidluzny declined a nomination for a second term as District Deputy, and no other nominations were forthcoming, with the election of his replacement tabled for the time being. St. Paul Elks agreed to host the next district meeting, which will take place on April 8, 2017.

Alberta Elks Esquire Darren Scott gave a presentation on respect and equality, noting, "We need to realize we are all here for the same thing, to respect each other and take time to discover the good qualities in others. Why is it so easy to assume the worst about others? We forget to listen, and we email harsh words without thinking of the consequences. We will lose members that way. Respect will be remembered with respect." He also said the Elks need to focus on getting members more involved "in making our communities better places to live. We forget why we joined. We need to focus on working together for the organization to move forward. Men and women can work together and help each other grow. This will help not only the Elks but every organization in the community."

Coloring contest deadline Saturday

ELK POINT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY STAFF
Review Contributor

During March and April, the library has been doing an adult colouring contest! First place prize is a $50 gift certificate to Co-op along with other prizes! The contest is for everyone from ages 16 and up. You can pick up your choice of a colouring page here at the library. The deadline is Saturday, April 16! Saturday is the deadline to hand in your beautiful artwork!

Also the library is planning a book signing tomorrow, Wednesday, April 13, along with the library tea for anyone who bought the book "Living in the Shed". Local Author Billie Milholland is slated to be here to sign and sell her books to the public. Hope to see lots of people there! This month's library tea is a special salute to Whitney Lakes Camp, which has been enjoyed by generations of youngsters, and is still seeking donations to complete their upgrading project.

Rhyme Time is still every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. It runs till May 24th. Bring your children ages 0-6 years. Enjoy songs, rhymes and finger play in a fun and friendly atmosphere. May 24th is Books for Babies, a program for small children and their introduction into reading.

Smith, Dianne Laverne

February 2nd, 1947
March 30th, 2016

On March 30th 2016, Dianne L Smith of Elk Point past away at the age of 69. She is survived by her loving mother Alberta Wray of Edmonton, her children, Terry (Diane) Kulczycki of Red Deer, Tammy (Sandy) Robb of Elk Point, twin brother Dwayne Burroughs of New Glasgow, NS, sisters Karen (Stan) Baldwin of Airdrie, Chloe (Roy) Lukian of Edmonton, Corinne (Bob) Kachuk of Edmonton, Lori (Cliff) Drolet of St Paul. Her Grandchildren Kelsey & Kira Kulczycki, Kaytlyn, Kandyce, & Kurtis Kulczycki and Nicole (Ryan) Campbell. Great Grandchildren, Brynn & Avery Campbell. 16 nieces and nephews, 27 great nieces and nephews and 4 Great Great nieces and nephews and her best friend Victor Johnson of Elk Point. She was predeceased by her loving son Trevor Kulczycki, sister Bonnie Jacobson, father Cameron Burroughs, step father Ted Wray, Grandparents O.C. and Ethel Graves.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, April 15th, 2016 at the Elk Point Pioneer Senior's Centre, 5010 - 48 ST., Elk Point at 11:00 am.

Pastor Kelly Sibley will be officiating. In lieu of flowers or if desired donations can be made to Elk Point Palliative Care, Box 178, Elk Point, AB T0A1A0

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I said "Not the Leafs." He smiled and said "Guess this is not your lucky day, is it!" and walked back to his car. But when came back after checking me out he said "Slow down, have a nice day" and also gave me a huge break on the ticket.

Another time I took my son and all of his buddies to a playoff game on a Sunday afternoon in May 1997 against Dallas. I still have that ticket stub too. Hahaha!!

During the warm up I'm sitting there reading my program, checking a the players' stats, when all of sudden I get puck in the head just inside my hairline. Apparently it ricocheted off the crossbar. I'm a little bit stunned, blood is gushing out of my head, and I'm watching it bouncing up off the concrete by my feet almost back up to my knees. Then I turn and look over and look at Brad Pankiw who is sitting next to me. I'll never forget the look on his face as his eyes bulged right out of his head. Pretty soon I'm in a room getting all kinds of attention by the rink attendants. I figured someone there was going to stitch me up, but instead they load me into a taxi to the hospital. They all seemed very worried about me having a concussion, and everyone kept asking the same question over and over, but the only thing I was worried about was missing the game and the fact that none of the boys were old enough to drive. The hospital bumped me up and the doctor was very quick and I got back for the start of the third period with seven stitches and a big turban on my head. Everyone in our section clapped when I got back. The guy sitting next to me handed me the puck. And of course I still have it. Later that week I got a nice apology letter from the Oilers, a tee shirt and a signed hockey card from Ryan Smyth. The Oilers lost that day but did go on and win the series. A few years after that they put up the netting. Don Cherry is always preaching to keep your eyes on the puck. I think it's a good thing that day I had my head down, it may have cost me an eye if it wasn't!

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "Golf is like solitaire. When you cheat, you only cheat yourself." Last time's answer to: "The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand." - Vince Lombardi

THE BEST OF MEMORIES! Here are the 2003 Elk Point Sox, who came from behind to win the provincial banner.

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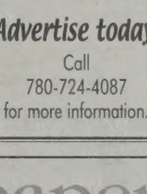

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